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4. Chunar-Some barrage link project
5. Sone Dam-Southern Tributaries of Ganga link project
6. Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka link project (alternate to MSTG)

These proposals mainly envisage irrigation power generation, domestic and industrial water supply and incidental flood management benefits to the State of Bihar.

Also, for exploring feasibility of linking sub-basins of rivers in the State of Bihar, Government of Bihar has sent following intra-State link proposals for preparation of Pre-Feasibility Reports by NWDA:-

- (i) Kohra-Chandravat,
- (ii) Burhi Gandak-None-Baya-Ganga,
- (iii) Bagmati-Burhi Gandak through Belwabhar.
- (iv) Kosi-Ganga,
- (v) Kosi-Mechi (Indian portion) and
- (vi) Karmanasha-Suara links in Bihar.

Construction of dams over Yamuna river

2252. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether central Government called a high level meeting consisting of Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Rajasthan, Haryana and the national Capital Region Territory for construction of three dams in the upper reaches of the Yamuna river to meet the persistent water and power problems the Capital is facing over the past few years;

(b) whether the Steering Committee comprising secretaries to the Ministries of power, Water Resources and Environment and forests were constituted for this purpose; and

(c) whether a road map of the construction of these Dams have been prepared and the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) A meeting of upper Yamuna Review Committee was convened by the Central Government on 12-4-06 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of water Resoures which was attended by Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Rajasthan, Haryana, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Hon'ble Ministers/representatives of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal. The construction of three storage projects namely Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar Vyasi in the Upper reaches of river Yamuna which are planned to improve the water and power situation in Upper Yamuna Basin States including NCT of Delhi was discussed as an agenda item in the meeting.

(b) Yes, Madam. A Steering Committee comprising the Secreatries to the Ministries of Power, Water Resources and Environment and Forests from the Central Government and Irrigation/Water Resources Secretaries from the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, & NCT of Delhi was constituted as decided in the meeting of Upper Yamuna Review Committee held on 12-4-06.

(c) The Steering Committee in its meeting held on 29-9-2006 has desired that Renuka Dam project should be implemented expeditiously by the State of Himachal Pradesh. The Government of Uttaranchal informed the Committee of their decision in principle to entrust the Kishau dam Project to Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC), which is looking into the different technical and cost aspects of the project to proceed further. On a revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Lakhwar Vyasi Project submitted by National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC), Comments of certain specialised Directorates of Central Water Commission have been forwarded to NHPC for compliance. During the meeting of the Steering Committee the implementation of various activities related to the projects was reviewed for expediting the projects.

Polavaram dam across Godavari river

2253. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has given any information of displacement and evacuation of people and villages and towns below Polavaram Dam;